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SUBJECT: GOETTERDAMMERUNG FOR THE MOHAMMAD DAOUD FAMILY

1. WE CAN CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING REGARDING THE FATE OF MEMBERS
OF DAOUD'S FAMILY (DAOUD AND HIS BROTHER MOHAMMAD NAIM ARE
OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE DEAD):

-- MOHAMMAD OMAR DAOUD (DAOUD'S SON) - DEAD;
-- GULALAI MALIKYAR (OMAR'S WIFE) - ALIVE BUT SERIOUSLY WOUNDED
IN THE ABDOMEN. SHE IS RECEIVING TREATMENT IN JAMHURIAT
HOSPITAL;
-- TWO DAUGHTERS OF OMAR AND GULALAI - DEAD;
-- MIR WAIS (DAOUD'S SON) - DEAD;
-- SHAIMAW (MIR WAIS' WIFE) - DEAD;
-- TWO SONS OF MIR WAIS AND SHAIMAW - DEAD;
-- KHALED (DAOUD'S SON) - DEAD;
-- HOMA (KHALED'S WIFE) - ALIVE AND NOT WOUNDED. HER FATHER IS
A UN OFFICIAL IN SWITZERLAND. HER ONE-YEAR OLD SONE IS ALSO
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ALIVE AND WELL.
-- NEZAMUDDIN GHAZI (NAIM'S SON-IN-LAW) - SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.
-- TORPEKAI (NEZAMUDDIN GHAZI'S WIFE AND DAOUD'S DAUGHTER) -
ALIVE IN SWITZERLAND.
-- TWO SONS OF GHAZI AND TORPEKAI - DEAD;
-- SHINKAI (DAUGHTER OF DAOUD AND WIFE OF ZALMAI GHAZI) -
DEAD;

-- ZARLASHT (DAUGHTER OF DAOUD) - DEAD.
-- ZARMINA (DAUGHTER OF NAIM) - DEAD.
-- ONE SON OF ZARMINA - DEAD.
-- BILQIS (DAUGHTER OF FORMER KING NADER SHAH) - DEAD.
-- TWO OF NAIM'S GRANDDAUGHTERS WOUNDED, ONE DEAD, AND ONE UNHURT.

2. SOME CABINET MEMBERS WHOM WE KNOW SURVIVED THE VIOLENCE ARE: FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH; FORMER COMMERCE MINISTER JALALLAR; FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM MAJID SERAJ; AND, FORMER PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTER DR. ABDULLAH OMAR. JALALLAR AND SERAJ HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM CUSTODY. FORMER INFORMATION AND CULTURE MINISTER ABDURRAHIM NEVIN REPORTEDLY BROKE DOWN DURING THE COUP AND IS NOW IN JAMHURIAT HOSPITAL. FORMER MINISTER OF STATE ABDUL MAJID WAS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY THIS MORNING, WHICH COULD MEAN THAT OTHERS MAY BE FREED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE REMAINING CABINET MEMBERS ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR SO FAR. FORMER AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN NUR AHMAD ETEMADI IS ALSO UNDER ARREST.

3. AS FOR THE FAMILY'S FINAL MINUTES, WE HAVE HEARD THE FOLLOWING VERSION FROM A SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBER WHICH TIES TOGETHER THE THREADS OF MANY OTHER STORIES MAKING THE ROUNDS HERE. AT ABOUT 8:00 A.M. OF APRIL 28, THE SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY HAD GATHERED TOGETHER IN ONE OF THE BUILDINGS WITHIN THE PALACE GROUNDS: SOME HAD ALREADY BEEN KILLED EITHER BY GUNFIRE OR BY
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THE SHELLING AND BOMBING. AT ABOUT THAT HOUR. REBEL SOLDIERS BURST INTO THE ROOM AND DEMANDED THAT DAOUD SURRENDER AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEW REGIME. MANY OF THE FAMILY PLEADED WITH HIM TO GIVE UP IN ORDER TO SAVE THEIR LIVES. REMAINING IN CHARACTER TO THE END, DAOUD REFUSED TO SURRENDER, DREW A GUN, AND FIRED ON THE SOLDIERS. ONE OR MORE OF THE SOLDIERS OPENED FIRE ON DAOUD, AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR QADIR, FOLLOWED BY MRS. DAOUD, THREW THEMSELVES IN FRONT OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT TO SHIELD HIM. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IMMEDIATELY DREW GUNS AND STARTED FIRING, THUS PRECIPITATING A TUMULTUOUS AND DEADLY SHOOT-OUT WHICH MARKED THE END OF THE DAOUD LINE IN AFGHANISTAN.

4. FOR LONDON: NAIM'S SON, MOHAMMAD AZIZ NAIM, IS A FIRST SECRETARY AT THE AFGHAN EMBASSY IN LONDON, AND HE MAY CONTACT YOU REGARDING THE WELFARE OF HIS RELATIVES.

5. FOR BERN: LIKEWISE, SOME SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ARE OR WERE IN SWITZERLAND, AND THEY MAY SEEK INFORMATION FROM YOUR MISSION.

6. FOR ROME: MEMBERS OF THE FORMER ROYAL FAMILY RESIDENT IN ROME MAY SEEK SIMILAR ADVICE REGARDING THEIR RELATIVES.

7. FOR CAIRO: SHINKAI WAS THE WIFE OF AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO
EGYPT, ZALMAI GHAZI.
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